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Fundraising

Decision XXVI/42: Establishment of a flexible funding mechanism for the Americas

1. This document has been prepared by the IAI Directorate.

Background

2. The Conference of the Parties (CoP), at its 26th meeting (Antigua, 2018) adopted Decision XXVI/42: *Establishment of a flexible funding mechanism for the Americas*, which states:

The Conference of the Parties is invited to encourage their national funding mechanisms and institutions and regional and international development banks to which they may be members to participate in discussions on the establishment of a flexible mechanism to facilitate the funding of scientific projects on global change in the Americas.

Implementation of Decision XXVI/42

3. In support of implementation of Decision XXVI/42, the IAI Directorate has invited IAI Parties to seek the advice of their national science funding mechanisms on how they may participate in projects supported by the Belmont Forum through their program, the Collaborative Research Action (CRA).
4. Accordingly, the IAI Directorate worked with the Belmont Forum to introduce several CRAs which may be of interest to IAI Parties, including the CRA co-led by the Belmont Forum, the Joint Programming Initiative on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change (FACCE-JPI) and the EU-Africa Research and Innovation Partnership on Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture on and the CRA on *Pathways to the Sustainable Development Goals*.
5. The Directorate informed the Parties through notification 2018-024 dated 11 December 2018 of the opportunity to join the CRA on Food Security and Climate, given its particular relevance to the Latin American and Caribbean region. At the time of writing, the Fundação de Amparo à Pesquisa do Estado de São Paulo (FAPESP), Brazil, the Comisión Nacional de Investigación Científica y Tecnológica (CONCYT), Chile, the Dirección Nacional de Adaptación al Cambio Climático, Ecuador, the Secretaría Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (SENACYT), Guatemala, the Fundación Hondureña de Investigación Agrícola (FHA), Honduras and the Secretaría Nacional de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación (SENACYT), Panama have voiced interest regarding possible participation in the CRA.
6. The IAI Directorate is of the opinion that participation in CRAs by national science funding mechanisms may provide the kernel by which a flexible funding mechanism may begin to develop.
7. At the time of writing, the IAI Directorate continues to discuss with Parties the development of new CRAs that may be of interest to the region and possible participation in open calls by the Belmont Forum¹.
8. The IAI Directorate is also discussing with the Belmont Forum ways to better coordinate the development of the upcoming 4th round of the Collaborative Research Network (CRN4) with current or future CRAs. Better coordination between these two programs may offer greater funding opportunities for researchers in the region and increased cooperation between funding mechanisms in and outside of the region.
9. The IAI Directorate is exploring how to develop collaboration between the European Union and IAI Parties with other Joint Programming Initiatives, especially the Flagship for the

¹ For a list of open calls see: <http://www.belmontforum.org/opportunities/#opencalls>

Americas, a new work package of the JPI-Climate *Strengthening International Cooperation on Climate Change Research* (SINCERE) program.

Recommendation

10. The Conference of the Parties is invited to take note of this document.